

Exhibit 4



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Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention (CDC)
Atlanta GA 30333

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Via Electronic ildar.gimadiev@gmail.com

Ildar Gimadiev
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Re: Appeal Denial of Entry

Dear Ildar Gimadiev:

This is in response to your appeal received on September 9, 2020. You request reconsideration of CDC's previous denial of entry on September 8, 2020, for 11 dogs coming from a high-risk rabies enzootic country (Russia). You base your appeal on the belief that the documents you provided upon arrival meet CDC entry requirements.

CDC has reviewed the case and determined that 2 dogs were found in a hidden compartment of your carry-on animal carrier that were not declared to U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Additionally, CDC has reason to believe that documents associated with this shipment may have been falsified based on several discrepancies in paperwork. The stamp and signature of the veterinarian on the pet passport and on the rabies vaccination certificate for one dog do not match. One veterinarian with the same name has two different stamps and signatures in the documents for two of the dogs. Two different veterinarians have the same signature. Lastly, one dog has a different date of rabies vaccination on the pet passport and on the rabies vaccination certificate. Therefore, your appeal has been denied.

CDC requires all dogs imported from high-risk rabies countries to be accompanied by a **valid rabies vaccination certificate** on arrival that must include:

- Name and address of owner
- Breed, sex, date of birth (approximate age if date of birth unknown), color, markings, and other identifying information for the dog
- Date of rabies vaccination and vaccine product information
- Date the vaccination expires
- Name, license number, address, and signature of veterinarian who administered the vaccination

Please ensure all dogs imported from high-risk countries arrive with valid rabies vaccination certificates that are in English or accompanied by a certified English translation. Any future imports of dogs into the United States that do not comply with CDC regulations will be denied entry and returned to their country of origin at the importer's expense.

If you have any questions about this letter or CDC's dog importation regulations, please contact CDC's Importations and Animal Contact Team at CDCAAnimalImports@cdc.gov, or via postal mail at the address above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin S. Cetron". The signature is stylized with a large "M" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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